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BEGIN SUMMARY - FRIENDS OF RAPPORTEUR WITH
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING CONFERENCE DECLARATION ON HUNGER
HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN PRODUCING DRAFT THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE
TO GROUP B COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

1. FRIENDS OF RAPPORTEUR IN DIFFICULT DRAFTING SESSION
BEGINNING 7:00 PM TUESDAY AND ENDING 2:45 AM WEDNESDAY
DEVELOPED FOLLOWING DRAFT OF PREAMBULAR PART OF DECLARATION
ON HUNGER:

2. "THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE,
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CONVENED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND ENTRUSTED WITH DEVELOPING WAYS AND MEANS WHEREBY THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AS A WHOLE, COULD TAKE SPECIFIC
ACTION TO RESOLVE THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM WITHINT THE BROADER
CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION,

ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON THE ERADICATION OF HUNGER

RECOGNIZING THAT:

(I) THE GRAVE FOOD CRISIS THAT IS AFFLICTING THE
PEOPLES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHERE MOST OF THE WORLD'S
HUNGRY AND ILLNOURISHED LIVE AND WHERE MORE THAN TWO THIRDS
OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION PRODUCE ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE
WORLD'S FOOD - AN IMBALANCE WHICH THREATENS TO INCREASE IN THE
NEXT TEN YEARS - IS NOT ONLY FRAUGHT WITH GRAVE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS, BUT ALSO ACUTELY JEOPARDIZES THE MOST
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIGHT
TO LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY AS ENSHRINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

(II) THE ELIMINATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION,
INCLUDED AS ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS DECLARATION ON PROGRESS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
AS WELL AS THE ELIMINATION OF THE CAUSES THAT DETERMINE THIS
SITUATION ARE THE COMMON OBJECTIVES OF ALL NATIONS.

(III) THE SITUATION OF THE PEOPLES AFFLICTED BY
HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION ARISES FROM THEIR HISTORICAL CIR-
CUMSTANCES INCLUDING STBIEQUALITIES, INCLUDING IN
MANY CASES ALIEN AND COLONIAL DOMINATION, FOREIGN OCCUPATION,
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, APARTHEID AND NEOCOLONIAL-
ISM IN ALL ITS FORMS, CONTINUE TO BE AMONG THE GREATEST OB-
STACLES TO THE FULL EMANCIPATION AND PROGRESS OF THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND ALL THE PEOPLES INVOLVED.

(IV) THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED IN RECENT YEARS
BY A SERIES OF CRISES TO WHICH THE WORLD ECONOMY HAS BEEN
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SUBJECTED, SUCH AS THE DETERIORATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL
MONETARY SYSTEM, INFLATIONARY INCREASE IN IMPORT COSTS, THE
HEAVY BURDENS IMPOSED BY EXTERNAL DEBT ON THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
OF MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, RISING FOOD DEMAND PARTLY
DUE TO DEMOGRAPHIC PRESSURE, SPECULATION, AND A SHORTAGE OF
AND INCREASED COSTS OF ESSENTIAL AGRICULTURAL INPUTS.

(V) ALL COUNTRIES, BIG OR SMALL, RICH OR POOR, ARE

EQUAL. ALL COUNTRIES HAVE THE FULL RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE DECISIONS ON THE FOOD PROBLEM.

(VI) THE WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD
LARGELY DEPENDS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD
SECURITY SYSTEM WHICH WOULD ENSURE ADEQUATE AVAILABILITY
AND REASONABLE PRICES OF FOOD AT ALL TIMES, IRRESPECTIVE
OF PERIODIC FLUCTUATIONS AND VAGARIES OF WEATHER AND SOF POLITICAL AN
D ECONOMIC PRESSURES, AND SHOULD THUS FACILI-
TATE AMONGST OTHER THINGS, THE DEVELNMENT PROCESS OF DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES.

(VII) THE LASTING SOLUTION OF THE FOOD PROBLEM FOR
ALL PEOPLES WOULD BE MADE POSSIBLE IN A WORLDWIDE ATMOSPHERE
OF PEACE, DETENTE AND SECURITY WHICH ENCOMPASSES AN ECONOMIC
ZDIMENSION GUARANTEEING TO ALL COUNTRIES THE RIGHT TO IMPLEMENT
THEIR
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FREE OF ECONOMIC COERCION. A
WORLDWIDE ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE IN WHICH THREATS AND RESORT TO
FORCE ARE ELIMINATED, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERENCT POLITICAL,
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN
EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE APPLIED, WOULD BRING ABOUT
R
IE DISARMAMENT. THIS SHOULD, IN TURN, MAKE AVAILABLE
LARGE FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL RESOURCES WHICH COULD BE USED
FOR DEVELOPING AGRICULTURAL PVODUCTION, AND SUBSTANTIALLY
IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY.

(VIII) SINCE, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, MANY DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES ARE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO MEET THEIR OWN FOOD
NEEDS URGENT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION SHOULD BE
TAKEN TO ASSIST THEM, FREE OF POLITICAL PRESSURES.

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(IX) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
OF THE DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER 4/
ADOPTED ALONG WITH A PROGRAMME OF ACTION - OR ITS
IMPLEMENTATION AT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.

THE CONFERENCE AFFIRMS:

THE DETERMINATION OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES TO
MAKE FULL USE OF THE UN SYSTEM IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
DECLARATION AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THIS CONFERENCE

AND CONSEQUENTLY SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMS:"

3. TAKING PART IN DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT AT THIS NIGHT SESSION
WERE: USA, UK, SWITZERLAND, ALGERIA (REPLACING DAHOMEY),
PERU, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, USSR, PRC, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA
(REPLACING INDONESIA), GDR, AND CUBA. MEXICO, KENYA
AND ZAIRE THOUGH FRIENDS OF RAPPORTEUR HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED
ANY DRAFTING SESSIONS.

4. USSR AND CUBA REPRESENTED AT HIGH LEVEL. WERE MODERATE
IN TONE COMPARED WITH ALGERIAN WHO ATTEMPTED IN VIRTUALLY
EVERY PARAGRAPH TO RELATE TO FOOD AND HUNGER PROBLEMS PAST UN
RESOLUTIONS AND HIS OWN THOUGHTS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IN-
JUSTICES. AT TIMES PERUVIAN AND CUBAN DELEGATE, CALLED ON
ALGERIAN TO MODERATE HIS DEMANDS. USSR SIMILARLY MADE SEVERAL
POSITIVE AND MODERATING SUGGESTIONS. PRC SUPPORTED ALGERIA
CONSISTENTLY AND ATTACKED USSR ON SEVERAL POINTS.

5. RAPPORTEUR (SWEDEN) OFFERED NUMEROUS DRAFTING ALTERNATIVES
AND HIS OVERALL PERFORMANCE WAS QUITE CONSTRUCTIVE THOUGH
NECESSARILY EVENHANDED. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE ARRAY OF
PARTICIPANTS, THE USA, UK AND SWISS DELEGATES WERE AGAINST
EXTREME ODDS.

6. CABLED TEXT TO BE SUBMITTED AD REFERENDUM WEDNESDAY TO
COMMITTEE I. FRIENDS OF RAPPORTEUR BEGIN WORK SAME DAY ON
OPERATIVE PART OF DECLARATION. VOLPE

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